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## Highlands PD sheds the past; is poised for the future

Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell made no bones about it: the Highlands Police Department of today is nothing like the police department of yesterday.

At Monday night's Planning

Board meeting, members gathered at the police department to learn about public safety in regard to the town's Comprehensive Plan which the group is updating.

Chief Harrell replaced Chief

Jerry Cook 10 years ago this July. Cook retired from the position after 25 years.

In regard to the past, and a letter-to-the-editor from Retired Police Chief Jerry Cook

that appeared in the newspapers last week, Harrell said much has changed.

For starters, every one of his 12 full-time officers and even the

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## County and BOE hoping for relief from the state

During a joint meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners and the Macon County Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin laid out the school board's funding concerns for the upcoming year.

For the school system to continue operating at current levels, Baldwin informed commissioners that the school system would need an additional \$527,343 above last year's budget bringing the 2015-16 budget request to \$7,865,673.

The shortfall is associated with federal and state cuts in the past, as well as an anticipation for what can be expected in the coming year.

Even though Baldwin informed commissioners that since the 2011-12 school year, school system has reduced the budget by \$1,317,689, it still isn't enough. Budget line items such

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## 'Summertime, Summertime, Sum, Sum, Summertime!'



Memorial Day Weekend is the unofficial kickoff to summer and nothing says "Summer!" like ice cream. This happy group of afterschoolers in Town Square were getting their fill last week while enjoying being outside in warm weather garb!

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Charter and public schools battle for same funding sources despite different regs

State leaders are looking to make a change in public education, and if the Governor's budget or the House budget is any indication of what is to come, big changes could be headed our way.

The North Carolina House education budget proposal calls for an increase to school spending in K-12 of \$269 million, a 3.3 percent increase over the current year's budget.

While a significant portion of the House's budget includes \$100.2 million to help fund enrollment growth in the state, one new item in the budget has caught the attention of Macon County school leaders.

The House budget includes \$1 million to launch pilot programs through Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina, a charter school advocacy group. The group would give out \$200,000 grants for new charter schools across North Carolina.

Last month, the Macon County Board of Education sent

a letter to state representatives opposing the measure, and instead asked the state to use those funds to fully fund public education.

Macon County Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin spoke to county commissioners and school board members earlier this month about the adverse effect the charter school "seed" money could have locally, as well as how the local charter school is inflating the budget.

Summit Charter School, located in Cashiers, currently has 36 students enrolled in its school from the Highlands area (Macon County). According to Baldwin, between the local, state, and federal dollars that follow the students to their school choice, Macon County loses about \$200,000 for those students to attend the charter school.

"We need to start looking at Summit Charter School as being another small school funded

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Setting the record straight

By Mayor Pat Taylor



I have promised to keep citizens informed. In that spirit, I do a weekly radio show, "Ask the Mayor." I have a monthly coffee hour at the Hudson Library open to all. At present I have written about 70 "Mayor on Duty" columns. Anyone can drop by my office or call me on my phone. The feedback is mostly positive, but then I receive some generally constructive criticism about me and the town. I look into valid concerns and respond.

Communication goes both ways.

Several opinions about the town have recently appeared in the local press. I want to share with everyone, as the late Paul Harvey put it, "the rest of the story." Or at least my views.

One letter-to-the-editor charged that our police department did not show proper respect to the family at the funeral of a former Highlands police officer. The whole story was not told. Highlands officers Castle, Dowdle and Reynolds were at the funeral dressed in full uniform, and I attended the funeral as the Mayor of Highlands.

Furthermore, 25 regional law enforcement agencies have been consulted concerning the protocol for honoring deceased current and former officers. That policy is being drafted to be presented to the town commissioners for their review.

Another item I noticed was the cartoon of juxtaposing a picture of town electrical department truck near the words Bucket Truck next to a picture of a woman in Christmas regalia near the words Ice Skating. Other captions were Needs and Wants. The connotation was that the town might spend funds for an ice skating rink rather than buying a needed bucket truck. The real story is that the skating rink is a privately funded initiative, while the purchase of the truck will come from town funds. It is not an either or situation as implied by my cartoonist friend.

Finally, it was great to know my buddy Fred has come out of hibernation from poolside in Miami to take the town on about

Monkey Hill sledding. Surprisingly, Fred is just now catching up on old news.

Yes, it is exasperating that the town constantly worries about law suits. On the other hand, there isn't a week that goes by that someone isn't threatening to sue the town, and some do. If anything in the least bit bad occurs on a Highlands street, lawyers are poised to intervene. As mayor I have stated the town, in many respects, should be operated like a business. I suspect there is not a town business that has a cavalier attitude about liability. Even columnists have to worry about liability.

My father-in-law, former Mayor Buck Trott, was once asked by a columnist to sign a release holding the columnist free of liability about anything he would write about the mayor. Actually, everyone is free to say pretty much anything about an elected official, including the mayor. Oh no, did I just say that?

To paraphrase Paul Harvey, that is my story. Good day!

## ...RELIEF

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as athletics were reduced by \$70,351, while others, such as technology, were reduced by \$243,315, based on Baldwin's figures.

Like in the past, Baldwin drove home the point of how expensive it is to operate the Highlands and Nantahala schools, and hopes that state legislation introduced by Senator Jim Davis, would help alleviate some of that burden.

Both Highlands and Nantahala School cost the county school district significantly more to operate each year compared to the other schools in the district.

Together, Nantahala and Highlands house 483 students. If those students were transferred to schools located within Franklin, an additional 1.5 students would be added to schools. That addition wouldn't require any additional teachers to manage the enrollment growth.

"Basically, Wayah Mountain and the Cullasaja Gorge cost us \$2,173,500 a year," said Dr. Baldwin.

Because of the geographical makeup of the county, Baldwin said that both Highlands and Nantahala are crucial for the district.

Earlier this year, Senator Jim Davis introduced legislation into the General Assembly that would provide Macon County with more money for the operational expenses associated with Nantahala and Highlands. The small school funding bill would need to make it out of committee, and according to Beale, if it does, it would be in the budget for the coming year.

The state's budget is still being figured out, but according to a budget released by the House Appropriations subcommittee on Education, there could be some hope on the state level. One big factor comes in the funding for teacher assistants.

According to Baldwin, Macon County is bracing for a \$279,000 budget shortfall just to keep the teacher assistants currently employed this year, next year.

According to the House budget, leaders are recommending \$88.8 million in recurring funds be placed in the budget for teacher assistants. If that holds up when the budget gets sent to the state, half of the local budget shortfall would be eliminated.

The house budget also includes \$26.4 million in non-recurring funds to restore driver education funding. Baldwin told county leaders that they were bracing for a \$72,000 budget shortfall based on driver's education. If the state was to restore that funding, Macon County would be on a coming year.

## • LETTERS •

### Shame on Highlands

Dear Editor,

In response to Jerry Cook's letter May 14. SHAME, SHAME, SHAME on the Town of Highlands and its police department!

Sharon Bowen  
Highlands

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# It's a bear's world in Highlands!



This cub was rescued by the crew of All Seasons Landscape while on the job in the Highgate community in Highlands. (See story in the May 14 edition.) Still on the job, they headed over to VZ Top to work at the Stewart's place and took the cub along since the mother wouldn't take it back. While there Judith Stewart got a real "bear hug." After a days work, the crew took the cub home to feed it. They tried to reunite it with its mother the next day when back on the job at Highgate but the mother rejected the cub and it is now in a rehabilitation center where it will get its "wildness" back before being released the summer of 2016.

Everyday this mama bear brings her three cubs to play in the yard of a residence near Fifth and Laurel streets.



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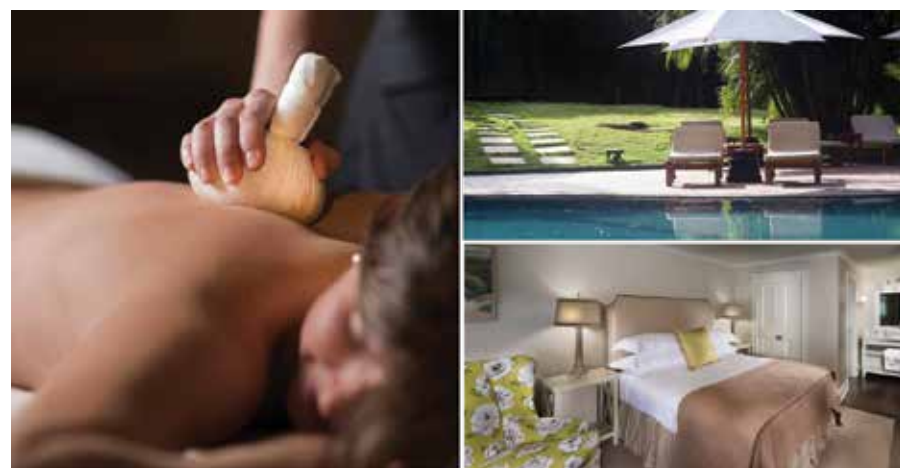
by Macon County," Dr. Baldwin told commissioners. "Those are our students going to that school, and we provide a portion of the funding for them to go there."

### About Summit Charter School

Summit Charter School is a public

charter school in Jackson County that currently serves 197 students. The bulk of those students, 150, are from Jackson County, with 36 coming from Macon County and 11 from Transylvania County.

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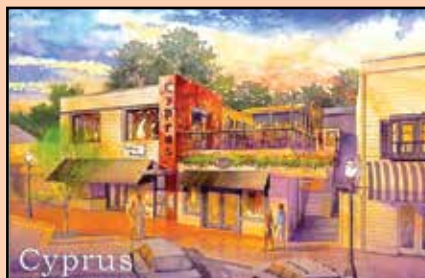
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• **PRIVATE LIFE IN ANCIENT PHOENICIA:** Are you a lover of history? Don't miss the lecture given by Helen Dixon, who is a professor in the History Department at NC State where she has spent 2 years teaching ancient Near Eastern and ancient Greek civilization. Dr. Dixon will share the details of the lives of one our most influential ancient civilizations. Friday, May 29, 10-12, Cost \$25/\$35

• **EPIC RUSSIA THROUGH EPIC FILM:** Come see visions of the magnificence of Russia through the eyes of filmmakers both past and present. Colin Mackey has presented classes on film for CLE for the past four years. He begins the film tour of Russia with the revolutionary Soviet propagandists Vertov, Kuleshov and Eisenstein and will show how their work influenced the visions of Russia as seen in David Lean's Dr. Zhivago, King Visor's War and Peace, Warren Beatty's Reds and Joe Wright and Tom Stoppard's Anna Karenina, with many other stops along the way. Monday, June 1, 2-4, Cost \$25/\$35

• **MOVIE - REDS:** Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture in 1981, Reds was co-written, produced and directed by Warren Beatty. The film centers on the life and career of journalist John Reed, who chronicled the Russian Revolution in his book Ten Days that Shook the World. Beatty stars in the lead role alongside Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson. Tuesday, June 2, 2-4 Cost \$10 Location: CLE Lecture Hall

• **BIRDING BEYOND THE FEEDER:** Your yard and the kinds of plants in it matter to birds! Curtis Smalling, a life-long bird watcher and current director of the Land Bird Conservation with Audubon will discuss why the Highlands Plateau is considered an "Important Bird Area" and explore ways to enjoy the birds in your own backyard. Friday, June 5, 10-12, Cost \$25/\$35

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Although, Summit Charter School is considered public, there is a cap, so admittance is based on an established set of criteria and a lottery. Summit's charter says the school is allowed to house 216 students, or 24 students per grade level.

According to Summit's Director Dr. Jack Talmadge, the school had 169 students re-enroll for the 2014-15 school year. "Returning students are given top priority, and families will be issued an intent to return form to complete and return to the school during the open enrollment period," he explained.

After those slots were filled, 30 additional students receive placements. Because the school received 57 new/renewed applications during open enrollment, 27 students were wait-listed and not admitted for the current school year.

The selection process for the additional open 30 slots after returning students involves various steps before students are placed in the lottery. Children of full-time school employees are given preference for enrollment when space is available. No more than 15 percent of the school's total enrollment of children of full-time employees can receive preference, so when there are more students than employees, an employee lottery is held to determine who receive slots.

After returning students and staff preference, next siblings of enrolled students are given preference. Siblings of currently enrolled students at Summit will receive preference for enrollment when space is available.

Following siblings, opportunity preference is given. Opportunity preference is designed to allow any former student enrolled at Summit within the last two academic years, but who may have left due to an academic study abroad program, competitive admission residential program, or vocational opportunities of the parents, will receive enrollment preference.

After the opportunity preference, a legacy preference is

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# • THE FREDSTER •

## Storing my gun

Highlands is a great place NOT to carry a gun.

I can't remember exactly when, but it was mid-fall of last year. We were still in Highlands heading for a place I've long forgotten. I looked over at my li'l missus and said, "When we get back to South Florida in a couple of weeks, I'm going to start carrying my weapon again."

It has been over 25 years since I've retired from police work. Believe me when I tell you that not carrying a weapon has been one of the great pleasures of my retirement. I was sooooo tired of that friggin' gun on my hip or stuck under my belt.

Most folks don't realize the responsibility involved in carrying a concealed weapon. In most cases people are safer not carrying a weapon than with it. Carrying a gun can get you killed. Even though I have the proper permits, I knew my accuracy and efficiency with my weapon was rusty.

Maddy looked over at me, nodded, and looked back at the road without speaking. Like me, she also feels our nation is beginning to unravel. I know her well and knew her silence meant her approval. Even after all these years of marriage, she would fuss at me if she thought it was a bad idea.

After we had been back in North Palm Beach for a couple of weeks, I made arrangements to meet with my firefighter son for target practice at a gun range. As usual, he



Fred Wooldridge

was late. But it gave me a chance to look around the store and see the vast array of weapons for sale. Gun buffs were everywhere. Even though my son was only 20 minutes late, I witnessed two sales. America is still arming itself.

Once we were buzzed into the range section of the store, the smell of burnt gunpowder filled my nostrils. It brought back memories....some good, some bad. After stapling the large paper image of a faceless black person,

I pushed a button sending it down range. My li'l missus took up a position so she could see the firing range through a large plate glass window. I'll admit to being a little nervous.

One hundred rounds later I retrieved my target and stared at the bullet riddled silhouette. While some of the shots were scattered I had not lost my touch. Every hole was somewhere on the silhouette. My 28 years of training had not abandoned me. If needed, I will be able to hit my target. I am good to go!

So for me, one of the great pleasures is spending the summer without carrying a gun. Highlands is truly a safe place to live. Instead, we carry bear whistles when we walk the back roads. Ah yes, the comfort of not being armed. I love it. Count your blessings, Highlanders!

I guess I should mention that most all gun targets are black in color and should not reflect any bigotry or prejudice on my part against African Americans. Isn't it sad I have to explain that to protect myself from the pro-

gressives?

Oh, and speaking about progressives and such, here's my political quip for this week: Never underestimate the ability of the

Republican Party to promote another losing candidate for the 2016 national election. They've done it twice now with great success.



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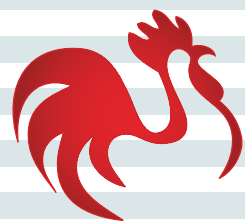
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given for applicants. The legacy preference allows siblings of students who completed the eighth grade at Summit and were enrolled at least since fourth grade to receive sibling preference.

After those preferences are given, remaining slots are open for new enrollment. Those students are then placed in a lottery until the 24 student max is reached in each grade.

For this school year, there were two students in first through eighth grade who were admitted based on the lottery and one student was admitted based on sibling preference. Because kindergarteners are all new students, none of which are considered returning, the enrollment breakdown varies from the other grades.

For the 24 spots available, Summit received 33 applications for enrollment. Those spots were filled based on one spot for a faculty child, 15 spots for siblings, and the remaining 17 applications for the eight remaining spots went through the lottery process.

According to Talmadge, the local success of Summit, as well as the push on

the state level to increase charter schools in the state is all about offering families a choice.

"Our program at Summit is unique and special," he said. "The factor of 'choice' helps facilitate a culture where our parents are invested in what we do, and they want their child to be engaged in the Summit experience."

According to Talmadge, the number one reason he hears from families making the transition to Summit is based on the school's small class sizes. The school's charter only allows the school to serve 24 students per class, something traditional public education can't do; instead each student who comes to the door must be educated regardless of how it could affect class sizes.

Interestingly, the only classes over 24 students in grades K-8th at Highlands School is the 4th grade at 27 students.

Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale spoke to a joint meeting between commissioners and Highlands and Franklin leaders on Tuesday night about the importance of ensuring that if charter schools receive state dollars, they should be held to the same standards as traditional

public schools in terms of things such as class sizes.

Summit Charter School operates with an annual budget of \$1.96 million, which is comprised of federal, state, and local dollars. According to Talmadge, \$46,519 of the school's budget comes from federal funds, \$1,103,948 comes from state, and \$369,474 comes from local funds.

"The remaining income needed is obtained through grants, PTA events, Taste of Plateau, bequests, and fundraising in the community. The deficit is nearly \$2,200 per child."

Talmadge said that additional funds from the state for charter schools would help account for the school's operating deficit.

"Summit is also big on community stewardship and partnerships," he said. "We promote parent volunteerism and involvement with the school, service-learning components in all grades, and a strong character education program, as the core of our school culture. Our class sizes are small, and we place two teachers in each class (grades K-5), as well as section our middle school classes."

Charter schools are not required by

law to have state certified teachers, but traditional public schools are. But despite not having to have certified teachers, charter school students are required to take the same state exams and meet the same growth expectations of the state.

With a 10 to 1 teacher ratio, Highlands School sports a 53 percent advance placement participation rate and was identified as exceeding the state standards of academic growth last year.

While Highlands School exceeded growth, Summit Charter School did not meet academic growth expectations last year, something Talmadge said his school is looking at in depth. "We know who those students are and we are looking at why we didn't meet that benchmark," he said.

In the future, Talmadge said additional local support for Summit is something that may need to be explored.

"Not all state monies receive by the county are shared with charter schools that reside in the same county," he said. "In addition, charter schools are responsible for funding their own facilities, and are denied access to the NC Education Lottery's capital funding."



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• **NOTE:** The Recreation Department is now accepting application for Lifeguards for the Summer. We will be offering a Lifeguard course soon.

• **NOTE:** Anyone interested in putting together a softball team in the Highlands Spring League needs to contact Lester Norris at 828-526-3556 by Thursday, April 23rd before 4:30pm.

### Ongoing

• Church of the Incarnation and the First Presbyterian Church are collecting food items for the Highlands Emergency Council and the Food Pantry. Drop off boxes are in the Ravenel Room at First Presbyterian and in the downstairs lobby at the Church of the Incarnation. Monetary donations also accepted. Make checks out to Highlands MountainTop Rotary.

• The Cub and Boy Scouts of America have three drop offs for worn and tattered flags. They properly retire them. Drop offs at Highlands Doors and Windows 2242 Dillard Road, the Highlands Fire Station or Highlands United Methodist Church office. Contact Phil Potts for more information 828 526-3719

**Thurs.-Sun.**

• Movies at the Playhouse: Thurs-Sunday, 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Call 526-2685 for weekly movie.

### Monday

• Shortoff Baptist Church hosts a non-denominational Men's Meeting the first Monday night of each month at 7 pm and all men are invited to attend.

### First Tuesdays

• **FAMILY** and Caregiver Support Group Meets: for Individuals that have a friend, family member or loved one living with mental illness. Learn how peers deal with stress and emotional overload. First Tuesday of Every Month 7-8 pm. Call Ann for more info (828) 369-7385

### Tuesdays

• Growing Stronger Together- A support and learning group for women who have physical or mental difficulties including depression or high stress. \$5 per session. Meets weekly on Tuesdays beginning June 2 through August 4 at the Peggy Crosby Center, Rm.203. Led by Bonnie Gramlich, LPC and sponsored by Highlands United Methodist Church and the Counseling

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• **FREE Yoga in the Park Tuesdays** starting June 23 at the Highlands K-H Park on Pine Street. Bring the whole family (along with a towel and a bottle of water) for a gentle, community stretch! Yoga in the Park is offered for free every Tuesday from 6-7 pm until October 1st, weather permitting. Certified Yoga Teachers: sign up to teach by calling #828-526-8880.

## **2nd and 4th Tuesdays**

• OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information, visit [www.occupywnc.org](http://www.occupywnc.org) or call 828.331.1524 Tuesdays

• Free Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.

## **Tuesday and Thursdays**

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park at 8a. \$5.

## **Mon., Wed., Fri.**

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

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## **Wed. through June 3**

• At The Bascom: After School Art Adventure, 3:15-4:30p. To register, call Anna Alig at 787-2865.

## **1st Wednesdays**

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:15pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

## **3rd Wednesdays**

• General Audience Movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

## **Thursdays**

• Yoga at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$6 per class.  
• Storytimes with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40am. Open to the public.

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 6pm at the Cashiers Community Center. Questions? Call Lisa 828-506-3555.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15 pm. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

## **2nd Thursdays**

• Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m. Newcomers welcomed.

## **3rd Thursdays**

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 4:30pm-6pm, Angel Medical Center; Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview Street, Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

## **Last Fri. of each month**

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor from 11a to noon at The Hudson Library.

## **Saturdays**

• Highlands Marketplace in the vacant lot  
• **See EVENTS page 12**

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## Sat. through May 30

• At the Bascom: Kids' Creation Station.  
10a to noon. \$5. To register, call Anna Alig at 787-2865.

## Sundays

• At the Mountain Laurel Tennis Club at 4:30 pm. Multi-denominational, Interactive Bible Study and Fellowship.

## Thurs., May 21

• Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. Whole blood can be donated

every 56 days, and double red cells may be donated every 112 days, up to three times per year. First Baptist Church, Franklin 12:30 to 5p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call (828) 369-9559.

• At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinnner with the Balsam Mountain Trust at 11 a.m. Program on the patio at Cliffside Lake. No pets allowed. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to program. Free by \$4/vehicle admission to recreation area.

• Open House & Franklin Chamber Mingle at Franklin Health & Fitness Center from 5-7p at Franklin Health & Fitness Center 1214 East Main Street. Great door prizes, hor'devours, drinks, membership specials, complimentary massages and great networking. Don't miss this awesome event! RSVP requested to 828-524-3161.

• **Taize at Our Lady of the Mountain RC at 5:30 PM. ALL are welcome!**

## Fri., May 22

• Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, and double red cells may be donated every 112 days, up to three times per year. Lowe's on Georgia Hwy 9:30a to 2p. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call (828) 349-4654.

• There will be a Hot Dog lunch & Bake

Sale Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 1509 Highlands Road, Franklin (next to Chris & Charlie's Pizza). All donations will benefit Relay for Life of Franklin.

## Sat., May 23

• At the Lost Hiker, Porch 40 at 9p.m.

• Come early to buy this highly desirable native plant and its cousin, Phlox stolonifera, at the annual Mountain Garden Club plant sale on Saturday, May 23, Highlands Ball Park on Highway 64 from 9 a.m. until noon.

• Highlands Plateau Audubon. Birding in Gorges State Park with Curtis Smalling leading and Michelle Styring assisting. Curtis, a fun and skilled leader, is the state Audubon Director of Land Bird Conservation. Gorges S. P. offers possibilities for sighting Swainson's and Worm-eating Warblers among many others. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Highlands Town hall parking lot or at 8 a.m. at the new Cashiers Rec Center parking lot.

## Sunday, May 24

• The Atlanta Boy Choir and Alumni Men's Choir will perform at The Church of the Incarnation Episcopal Church at 5 p.m. It's free but donations are appreciated.

## Tues., May 26

• At Hudson Library, Book Club at 10 a.m., to discuss "Unbroken."



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Of great interest is the fact that the work chosen for the film is Gabriel Faure's Pie Jesu. Maestro Wolfe, former student of the great French teacher Nadia Boulanger who was Faure's assistant collaborated with his accompanist, Assistant Conductor, Robert Henry in arranging it for boys only in this film production. Maestro Wolfe said Dr. Henry, who serves also as Incarnation's music director has made an arrangement which totally captures the beauty of this masterwork. Maestro Wolfe says he is certain his long time mentor Mlle. Boulanger would be extremely pleased. For seat reservations please call the choir at 404.378.0064 or email them at [info@atlantaboychoir.org](mailto:info@atlantaboychoir.org)

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eight part-time officers who he can call upon when needed has a college education – masters, bachelor and associate degrees.

“There is nothing wrong with a high school diploma but you need more for this job. Having an education helps with effectiveness in the community,” he said.

In addition, his officers have exceeded continuing education requirements with thousands of hours of education.

“Virtually no continuing education training took place in the prior department,” he said. “A lot has changed in 10 years; things weren’t always as they seemed back then, but how can you fix something if you don’t know what’s going on?”

He said now on the job for 10 years, he knows people were reluctant to come forward in the past but he has an open door policy – in his office at the station, via

email, text messages or phone calls – and he encourages feedback.

“There was no confidence in the old police department,” he said. “There were a lot of things going on that went unreported. Now we are very thorough and see cases through to prosecution.”

He said his officers work very hard and they are proud of who they serve in the community and he is proud of them.

“I have worked diligently to remove a certain element from your police department. That was not what you paid for. I will always do all I can to eliminate that element without costs to the citizens,” he said.

And that has started with restructuring and running a “lean machine.”

There are two patrol officers on duty for each 12-hour rotation and officers are rotated so they work equal days and nights -- not just a set schedule of just days or

just nights.

“This is good for the officers because they see different people and situations at different times of the day and night and it’s good for the community to see different officers,” he said.

Though the population swells from basically 1,000 to 20,000 for a 7-9 month period, through design he has placed the right people at the right places so it always looks like the department has more officers on duty than it does.

In comparison, the Town of Franklin has 20 full-time police officers who cover a 3.2 square mile area; Highlands has 12 full-time officers who cover a 6.1 square mile area. “Double the territory using half the force,” he said.

“We run a lean, mean machine and do well with what we have because we have the right people at the right times to take care of you,” he said.

The eight part-time officers, who are certified and trained, can

step in when a full-time person can’t come in. They don’t get benefits and they are only paid when they are needed, which keeps the budget lean.

“But they are still experienced, certified and trained officers. They work for other agencies or have flexible jobs. Three are deputies with the MC Sheriff’s Dept., two are instructors and one is the dean of the Public Safety Center for SCC,” he said.

None of Highlands full-time officers can afford to live in Highlands, but they live within a 10-16 mile radius. To be allowed to drive a police vehicle home, they need to live within 20 miles.

Over the last 10 years, the town has put a system in place where each year two police vehicles are replaced; replacements are bid locally and each vehicle has the extended 7-year warranty, “because that’s about as long as they last,” said the Chief.

**Looking toward the future**  
Ruby Canine (the police dog),

who is trained for drug enforcement and tracking, came on the job in 2008 and in 2017 she retires. Consequently, Chief Harrell is investigating grants to get a replacement -- possibly two canine “officers.”

It cost \$15,000 to get Ruby and outfit the vehicle for her but that was a one-time cost and that vehicle will be kept in service.

It currently costs the town and its citizens nothing for Ruby because her handler, Officer Thomas Parker, never turns in receipts for her upkeep and Dr. Amy Patterson donates her services to the department.

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Close to Town and pristine privacy, this completely remodeled 3/2 has stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings, family room and sun room on the lower level and completely furnished. \$249,000. MLS #81554



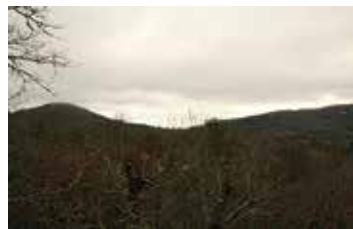
Adorable 2/2 cottage located 2.5 minutes to town on a nicely landscaped level lot with garden space and shed. Covered rocking chair porch and open deck for enjoying the outdoors. Offered furnished. \$268,000 MLS #77499



The perfect walk to town cottage, just minutes from Main Street and Harris Lake. Totally updated with two living areas in this open floorplan. Upscale kitchen, two bedrooms, three baths. \$575,000 MLS #81068



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Holt Knob. Just what everyone wants! Walk to town with a great mountain view. 3br/2.5 furnished with a large deck. \$535,000. MLS# 76583



Hard to find Mirror Lake frontage. Cute 1920's two bedroom cottage with great potential. Needs some TLC, but has great spaces and a gentle site down to the lake where you can fish or feed the ducks. \$295,000 MLS # 78726



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This 3/2 pristine villa at Highlands Falls has a wonderful covered and open deck over the 11th green. The greatroom has vaulted and beamed ceilings with built-ins next to the stone fireplace. \$325,000 MLS #73139



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Little Bearpen in Highlands City limits. Long mountain views from two covered decks, 2/3, 2 guest rooms, lower level family room, 2nd kitchen and hobby room. \$729,000. MLS# 81446



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This striking 1930's home is hidden behind a mature native hedge and is loaded with character reflecting it's vintage. Three bedrooms and an office. Large half acre lot, beautiful lawn, quiet neighbors, easy distance to town. \$497,000 MLS #81462

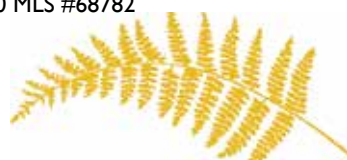


Old Highlands Charm On Big Bearpen Mtn with a spectacular view of Whiteside and Chimney Top Mountains. This vintage 3 bedroom/3 bath home sits on a .93 acre near level lot with a lovely porch on the back of the home to take in the view. \$898,000 MLS #79622

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The most asked question I now hear from summer residents is: "How is the market? Is it coming back?" Well, yes and no. At Pat Allen Realty Group, sales were strong during the winter and early spring and we currently have several homes ready to close. Buyers are contacting us and sellers feel the urge to sell. There are homes pending in the \$160,000 - \$3,800,000 range so quite a diverse range of buyers are interested in owning here. Investors are also becoming more involved.



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So why are some homes selling and others sitting there? We, as brokers, have a responsibility to our clients to price CORRECTLY and make suggestions regarding repairs, clutter etc. that should eliminate this issue in part. Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen. When a home is over-priced it is guaranteed to stay on the market for years!

Other sellers see a home comparable to theirs and think it should be priced that high as well—even though it hasn't sold. This hurts us all—sellers and brokers. The market is still "soft" in our area—unlike many areas in Florida where inventory is low. That is simply not the case here. We have homes that have been on the market 5-6 years! Most were over-priced initially and have not been maintained. Sellers must do their homework or else price them low enough "as is" that someone will buy their homes.

When you interview brokers ask for a current CMA and evaluation or your home...not what is current but what has SOLD... AND how many days was it on the market before it sold? What was the ORIGINAL price and how many times was it lowered?

We all must cooperate and price realistically to eliminate our surplus and allow our prices to rebound. I can tell you from my experience, if your home is well maintained and priced right, it will be the first to sell! Let us guide

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Walk to town 3BR/3BA condo Covered parking, patio. Step to Harris Lake park and Main Street. The condo is move in ready even for designer tastes. Offered at \$729,900. mls #81600



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Great home on top of Holt Knob with 3BR/5BA, decks, screened porch, sunroom with wet bar, kitchen/living area with fireplace; a 3rd floor family room/office/playroom with extra sleeping area and a bath; a two-car garage. Walk to town; furnished. Views from almost every room. \$699,500. mls #80341



Chestnut Cove condo in excellent condition. 2BR/2BA. Views of small stream, ridgeline and 11th Fairway. Great move in ready unit. Furnishings negotiable. Offered at \$199,900. mls #81523



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Views and over 4 acres of privacy with this charming mountain cottage. Open vaulted living room with fireplace, Main floor master with bath. 2 bedrooms upstairs with shared bath. Each has access to an upper level balcony, Huge deck. Offered at \$395,000. mls #80351



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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Measuring Ministry Effectiveness



By Ted Schmidt

In the world in which we live, effectiveness is generally measured quantitatively. That is to say, we look at the numbers. We look at the sales, or profit numbers, of a publicly traded company. We look at the won-loss records of a coach or a team. We look at the number of graduates from our schools and universities. If the numbers are good, then we conclude that the company, or team, is an effective winner; but is this the way Christian Ministry should be measured?

Having sat in many board and staff meetings of various Christian ministries, I have found we attempt to measure ministry effectiveness in the same manner. In our attempt to manage ministry, we count the number of people in Sunday services. We count the number of people in our music, children, and youth ministries. (Sometimes we even count them twice!) We count the size of our staff and compare our budget numbers from one year to another. Then we compare our numbers to the numbers of other ministries, but is this the way ministry effectiveness should be measured? Should it be measured at all? Is ministry effectiveness quantitative? Is it possible to measure? Are we trying to measure the Holy Spirit?

A number of years ago, at a church growth conference, it was suggested that the measurement of a church's health is its growth. The concept stated, just as a growing child is a sign of health, a growing church is a healthy church. It was further suggested that the way you measure a growing church is by counting the number of adult baptisms. The evangelical thinking being - you are really not a growing church, if you are just recycling another church's members. What really counts is conversions, which can be documented by adult baptisms. While I admire the evangelical motivation to fulfill the Great Commission, I still sense there is something more. What about everyone else in the fellowship? What about those who are not part of the fellowship? Is evangelism the only means of measuring ministry effectiveness?

As I looked at the ministry of Jesus, I observed that most of his efforts were in small groups. He chose twelve

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said he would like to grow the canine patrol to two.

"Ruby can only do so much and we know we have missed enforcement opportunities because she couldn't be there and we couldn't get a canine officer from the Sheriff Department," he said.

He said he will first pursue grants for her replacement which he wants to be dual certified like Ruby. "For instance, I want one to be a patrol dog trained to bite... to be aggressive... because it's better to send a canine into a building stealth rather than an officer who makes noise."

Since he started with the Highlands Police Department he has secured thousands of dollars in grants – including the \$15,000 speed trailer which is used to deter speeding but also to collect data so the department knows where trouble areas lie.

Besides seeking a grant for the canine officers, he is pursuing one to replace the outdated Mobile Data Terminal consoles in the police vehicles.

He is also pursuing money for an Automated Fingerprint Identification System. It costs \$70,000 to \$85,000 to purchase one but one can be leased and maintained through the state for \$1,700 a year.

Though much has changed over the past 10 years, some things will never change and that's the distance and topography between Highlands and Franklin.

"When you calculate the

man-hours, vehicle wear and tear and gas, it would only take two round trips to Franklin to equal the cost to lease the machine," he said.

In fact in many cases, particularly if someone can bond out in front of Highlands part-time magistrate, a trip to Franklin wouldn't be necessary if fingerprinting can be done here.

The jail (with the fingerprint-

ing machine) is 20 miles away and when an officer has to go down there, it means Highlands is short one officer.

The Chief said on a good day when everything works like clockwork the trip can take an hour and a half but it usually takes three to four hours.

"People who can bond out in front of the magistrate don't have to go to Franklin, so if we had the AFIS system we could do that and

the DNA sampling here," said the Chief.

DNA sampling kits cost nothing because they are supplied free from the state but since officers have had to go to Franklin for fingerprinting the Highlands PD didn't bother with DNA collection.

Once DNA is collected it is sent to the state and the results are stored in a database so that if

a crime occurs with no suspects the database could be used to supply answers.

Over the next five years, two officers will be retiring and so Harrell will look to replace them, though the prospect pool across the nation is dwindling.

"It's especially hard to recruit in small towns because there just isn't enough action for

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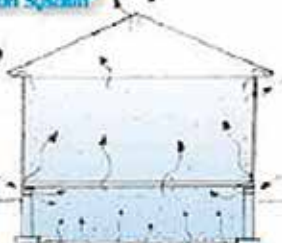
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disciples and poured into them. He taught in his daily comings and goings. There was the Sermon on the Mount and the feeding of the 5,000, but so much of what He did was on a one to one basis. In fact, he really only explains the parables to His disciples, the rest of the audience may have walked away thinking they were just nice stories. In the book of Acts, we see large groups of people being converted, but we also know people were meeting in their homes and breaking bread. So again, I would suggest, a ministry's effectiveness is difficult to quantitatively measure.

When we consider the effectiveness of ministry, shouldn't we also look at what the Holy Spirit is doing in the hearts and minds of God's people? How do you measure this? Just as Jesus instructed Peter on the feeding and caring of the flock in John 21, are we not all called to do the same? This feeding and caring should be viewed as the feeding and caring of the whole individual - physical, mental and spiritual. Are God's people being the parts of the

Body of Christ that Paul refers to in I Corinthians 12? Are the people using the Gifts that God gave them, or are they just consuming the Word and enjoying a good show on Sunday? Are the teachers, teaching? Are those with the gift of hospitality, serving in the way God intended? Do those gifted with compassion, prayer intercession, or mercy have the opportunity to exercise their gifts?

Our human perspective prompts us to measure quantitatively, but how do you measure the effect of a hospital visit? Or a home delivered meal? Or a bag of groceries? Or a comforting word? Or a word of wisdom? Or a simple act of service? Or a word of knowledge or discernment? Should we even begin to try to measure the effectiveness of the Holy Spirit, or should we just be led by Him?

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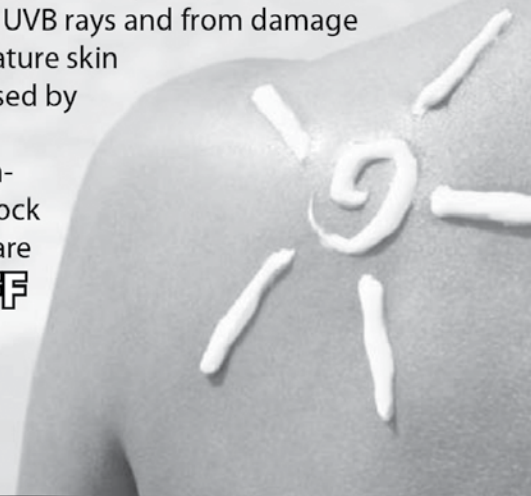
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On Saturday, May 9 the Macon County Chapter 2005 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy gathered for its annual Confederate Memorial Day service which also marked the 150th anniversary of the end of the War Between the States at the monument in Rankin Square in Franklin.

Stories were told about the soldiers who served and the history of the monument. Saturday's service ended with the laying of a wreath by Barbara Mellor, the reading of a moving poem by Chaplain Carolyn Crunkleton, the Lord's Prayer and the final two songs played by Sam McQuitty, Amazing Grace and Dixie.

## 'Dental Exam Day' at Highlands S.

On May 8, Drs. Dyer, Ricke, Stiefel and Walker volunteered their time and expertise to examine the students. After each student was examined, a form was completed and sent home to the parents indicating any potential dental problems. Students were also given a dental gift bag containing a toothbrush, dental floss and tooth paste. K-5. Dr. Ricke exams a student.





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young bucks who were raised watching, cop shows on TV," said Harrell. "So we typically hire away from other agencies and who we get depends on how big a carrot we dangle."

He said the hardest part to hiring is getting the right fit for Highlands: the right personality, the right set of skills and someone who wants to be here. There may not be a lot of action, but he tells them they can be as busy as they want to be.

"Don't let the vehicle be a barrier. Walk, talk, associate. Community policing isn't a waste of time or breath. It's about communication and feedback," he said.

According to Harrell, property and white collar crimes are the biggest crimes – particularly because Highlands is a seasonal town.

"A second home is broken into and we find out six months later when people return; try to solve that crime!" he said. "We aren't perfect and can't solve every crime ... no one can ... this isn't CSI. But we are very effective," he said.

Though the police department doesn't make the ordinances the Planning Board and Town Board work on, they are charged to uphold them and so it is perceived as the "bad guy," said Harrell. "But that's part of the job."

A lot of what the department responds to is complaint-driven – ordinance violations, parking violations, gas drive offs, someone sees or hears a couple in a domestic dispute or someone sees someone too drunk to drive.

"So the community helps with policing," he said. "The perception is that this is Mayberry and nothing happens; that's not true, but for the most part Highlands is a domicile community with a safe environment. We have a good team; we have assembled good people who I am very proud of."

Harrell said Highlands is a model community in which to be the director of Public Safety and he loves it.

"I have enjoyed seeing this department and community move forward."

In the near future, he plans on having community assemblies so people can voice concerns, ask questions and learn how the police department does its job.

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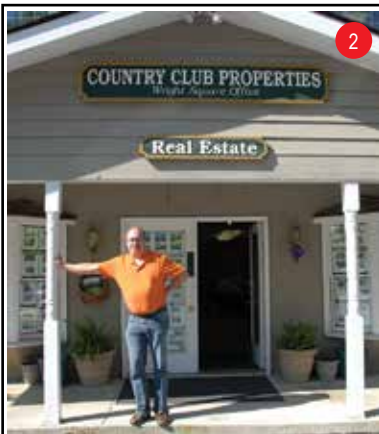
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